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| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
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| 10/707,814      | 01/14/2004  | Dean F. Martin       | 1372.122.PRC        | 1813             |

TITLE OF INVENTION: EXTRACTION OF METALS BY MERCAPTANS ATTACHED TO SILICA GEL BY AZEOTROPIC DISTILLATION

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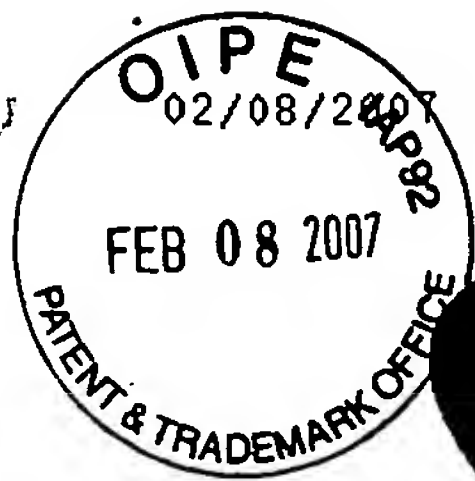
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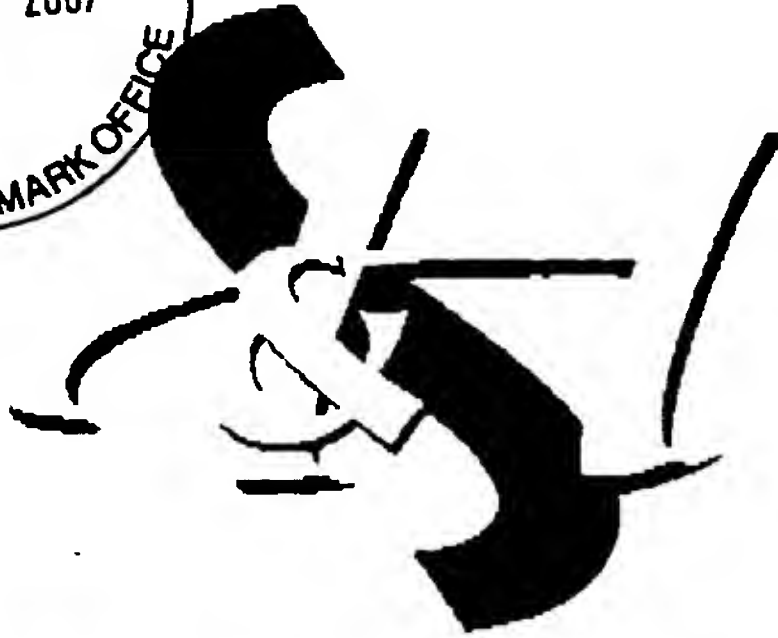
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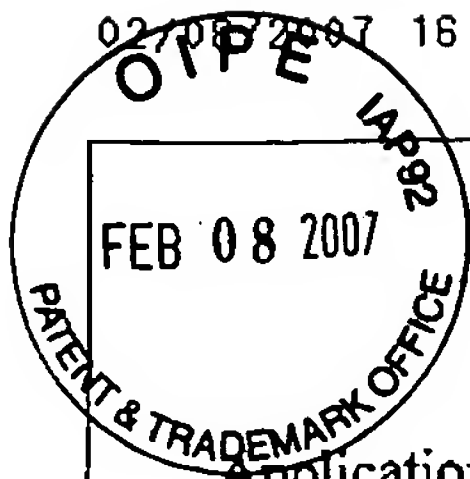
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